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Church Notices

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning Service, 11 a.m. Christian Endeavor, 6:45 p.m. Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Strangers are cordially welcome.

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6 05 a.m.	6 15 a.m.
6 45 e	7 00
7 10	7 47 e
8 10	8 15
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JOTTINGS HERE AND THERE

A sociable will be held at the Episcopal Rectory on Wednesday evening, December 12. The musical program for the evening will be arranged by Mr. Thwaites. There will be a sale of useful and fancy articles. Admission, 15 cents.

Dr. Van Wikle, son of Mrs. E. R. Bird of Auburn avenue, is expected here with his family from the east sometime this month.

W. A. Stubbins will call in Sierra Madre twice a week, Tuesday and Saturday, with Dougherty's well known "Relishes." Leave calls at the News office. Phone Main 9628.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold a sale in the Congregational Church annex on next Tuesday afternoon and evening. There will be a program in the evening, and refreshments both morning and evening.

Hermosa Beach will vote on the question of incorporation on December 24. Watch our little sister get into the up-to-date line.

THE MAIL

Arrives 10 a.m.
6 p.m.
Leaves 8:45 a.m.
4:35 p.m.

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Delivery 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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TIME TABLE

Santa Fe Route

Santa Anita Station

Arrive from Los Angeles and leave for points East

8:09 a.m. Overland
9:10 a.m. Local
5:11 p.m. Local
8:45 p.m. Overland
Arrive from Eastern points and leave for Los Angeles
7:34 a.m. Overland
9:21 a.m. Local
4:58 p.m. Local

The Southern California Teachers' Association will hold its fourteenth annual session at Los Angeles on December 19, 20, 21 and 22. From the program it will be well worth the time that any one can spend to go there and attend.

E. E. Beatty of South Pasadena has been here, and is delighted with our town.

We are all glad to hear that Mr. Adams is going to fix up the town hall. The Improvement Association at their last meeting made the suggestion that a rear exit be provided, and we hope it will be done, as it will add much to the peace of mind of those who go there.

Rev. Sidney C. Kendall, former pastor of the Congregational Church here, and brother-in-law of Mrs. J. Hart, has been appointed president of the National Social Purity Society with headquarters at Chicago.

Something happened in Los Angeles on Tuesday. We heard the echoes way out here.

The sunshine is here again and now the real estate men will sit up and watch the incoming cars once more.

The six o'clock car on Monday night was marooned in the rain near Lamanda Park. About a dozen passengers had the pleasure of a trip from Los Angeles to Sierra Madre occupying the time from 6:10 p.m. until about 9 o'clock. This breaks the record for swift travel as far as we know. Shortage of power was the trouble.

M. C. Taylor, cashier of the bank of Highlands, accompanied by his wife, has been the guest of S. R. Norris and family.

H. Brownson is confined to his home on Carter avenue with a serious case of pneumonia.

Miss Laura Alden, who claims a direct descent from John Alden of Colonial fame, has come here from her home in Dellafield, Wis. to spend the winter with her friend, Miss Fannie Hawks.

Order some of Heinz' Sauer Kraut and Pickles of the Sierra Madre Grocer Co., and you will order again.

Howard Hill has bought of Mrs. C. B. Jones, through S. R. G. Twycross, a lot on Grandin avenue. He has moved the barn which he bought of Mrs. Craig onto the lot, and also begun work on a \$2000 residence.

Mrs. Dunning and son of Pasadena have rented the Leith house on Central avenue.

Work has begun on the Kersting block. Wilson & Julian of Los Angeles are the contractors, and it looks like brick and mortar were going to fly at a rapid rate. It is promised that the room for the bank will be ready for occupancy by the first of February, and the other store rooms soon after. And to use the phrase, it looks like there will be "something doing" in business here in the next few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Merritt of Pasadena were the guests of F. Evans Atwood at the Churchill Canyon ranch for Thanksgiving.

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W. S. Sutherland and family have rented the house belonging to Mr. Twycross on Central avenue.

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H. Corday of Pasadena was here Monday looking after his interests.

W. E. Bechtelheimer has been appointed agent for Adams, Turner & Stevens Co., Undertakers, of Pasadena. All calls answered promptly, and best attendance guaranteed.

By an unfortunate slip an omission was made in the account of the minstrel show, which we gave last week. To Mrs. Chas. Ferry, who originated much of the program and drilled the performers, is due in a large measure the success of the entertainment.

Sierra Madre Rainfall

Season 1906-07

October

November

1.34

December 2 .39

3 .37

.76

Total for the Season 2.10

The average rainfall in Sierra

Madre over a period of seventeen

years, was for October 1.56, for

November 1.95, and for December 3.75.

J. HART ARRESTED
Charged with violating Liquor Law

Last week, Wednesday, Constable W. C. Austin arrested J. Hart and O. Tamana upon warrants from the district attorney's office charging them with selling liquor on Sunday in violation of the liquor law. Mr. Hart claims that in the particular offense upon which the action is based he was trapped by the man sent out by the district attorney only after that individual had pleaded for a suffering camping party on a rainy Sunday. Technically he is guilty on this charge, but effort is being made to have the case dropped on the representation that the law is uniformly kept and punishment ought not be meted out for an offense such as this. The circumstances of this particular sale of liquor might be so taken as to minimize the wrong doing, but yet it seems that the fact remains yet to be proven that the law is not violated in the sale of liquor at other times. From the statement of Hart's attorney, published in the Pasadena News of December 1st, it appears that numerous complaints have been made to the district attorney and that he proceeded in the usual manner in order to obtain the necessary evidence for arrest.

The case was to have been called on Monday last, but a continuance was granted and the district attorney has the withdrawing of the charge under consideration.

RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Pacific Electric Railway has raised the planking approach to the station and fixed it in perfectly safe shape for those passing to and fro. This is an improvement to the corner and removes a serious danger. But it does not look like they have built realizing that the water comes down through that culvert and ditch in torrents when it rains. Braces have been put underneath the planking that will prove a sure means of stopping up the channel and making trouble later.

The work on the station seems to be postponed indefinitely. Once in a while we see a stray man or two at work, and then they go away as they came. The station has been painted, but yet the floor has to be put in. Then when

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the grounds are cleaned up a bit and that "umbrella" that used to serve as a station has been taken away, we will feel like we have a railway station to be proud of. By the way this rainy weather emphasizes the fact that we need a freight depot out here. The freight gets stacked up in the unfinished station now to keep it out of the wet.

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Thursday, December 6, 1906.

EDITORIAL

What is the matter with having some street lights on some of the bad corners. Only a few nights ago Dr. Manning caught a bad fall in the dark on Lima street, and the fact that others have not done likewise seems due to the way people who live here are getting used to seeing in the dark, something like cats do, we presume. With strangers it is different and some places around our streets are indeed dangerous on a dark night. The absence of lights is very often remarked upon by those who visit Sierra Madre.

While talking of improvements it is in order to speak of the extremely bad condition of the sidewalk along the north side of Central avenue, in several places between Lima and Baldwin. It is impossible to traverse some sections on a dark night, and when the street is resorted to as a means of getting around the bad place, the bicyclists running noiselessly without a light help to make things interesting. Wake up! Is this in keeping with the progressive spirit of Sierra Madre?

In the news columns the matter of J. Hart and his winery has been referred to, and it seems that some things deserve comment here. In an interview with Mr. Hart he made the statement to the editor that prominent citizens say that the winery is the "Pride of Sierra Madre." That seems rather strange, it is the first we knew of it. Is a community that votes "No" emphatically on the liquor question when it comes to a vote, proud of the fact that there is a winery in it? We fail to see it.

"If I thought that the sentiment of the people here was against my business I would close the winery down." That is another statement made by the proprietor in the same interview. We wonder how it is that J. Hart fails to hear the things that are said

about that place. We have heard them pretty freely, and the usual term used is "that grog shop." Now it seems to us that the reason that Mr. Hart has not heard is because we do not speak loud enough, and so we are speaking a little bit louder here. It is our belief that the community as a whole regards the winery as an eyesore to the town. Now, Mr. Citizen, you who have had things to say about that place, it is time to stand up and let your voice be heard with the rest of those who don't want to see it here. Don't be afraid to say what you think. This is a free country and every man has a right to let his voice be heard. One reason we as a people suffer today as we do because of public evils is that the people who want to see reform and better things are afraid to show their strength and stand up for their convictions. This particular case has been brought to the critical stage perhaps unexpectedly, but now that the winery has been forced to public notice, let the people stand up and tell what they know.

In the issue of the Pasadena News for December 1st is this in black type, in connection with the case:

"Church does not object," followed by this paragraph from the statement of Mr. Hart's attorney:

"Years after it (the winery) had been established and its reputation known the Congregational Church purchased a lot opposite the winery and upon it erected a church where ever since then they have regularly held religious services, not only on Sunday, but throughout the week, both day and evening."

While it is true that the Congregational Church has never taken any official notice of the winery and has gone on with its services as if it were not there, it seems like a big stretch to attempt to make it prove that the church is satisfied to have the winery there and have this headline go to the public, "Church does not object." Mr. Church Member, do you dispute this?

In the same statement Attorney Rossiter makes this assertion:

"For twenty-three years the plant has been run in Sierra Madre . . . in all that time no drunkenness has been witnessed in or about the place." Somebody evidently is afflicted with blindness.

We have no personal feeling against Mr. Hart, in fact, he is one of our subscribers, and we certainly bear a kindly feeling toward our patrons, but after we have obtained the facts concerning this matter, and knowing the sentiment of the people as we do, we give expression to our views.

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EDITORIAL

In the interest of the town beautiful would it not be in order to give a little attention to the multitude of real estate signs that greet the eyes of the visitor in whichever direction he may look? No one can help but admit that the array of dealers' signs on property is anything but pleasing to the beholder. In some progressive communities the real estate men have gotten together and agreed to put no signs whatever on the property, and the result has not been detrimental to their business in the least, while on the other hand it has been a big improvement to the town. Think about this a bit, Mr. Real Estate Man.

We are moving on toward incorporation. The petition went to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, and soon the voters of Sierra Madre will have a chance to have their say. Still we have those here who doubt the wisdom of the step.

Incorporation is the best thing that can come to our town. It means that Sierra Madre will take her place among the progressive communities of Southern California, and begin to look after community interests a little. We must carry incorporation if Sierra Madre is to continue to move ahead. But a duty confronts our voters here and it is not too early to sound a warning note. It is time for each one interested in the welfare of the town to begin thinking about what he will do on election day. Of course he will vote for incorporation, but there is more to be done than that, and herein lies our danger, and as near as we can judge from the sentiment of the objectors, herein is their ground for objecting.

It is a bad thing when a large city gets into the hands of grafters and those whose only interest is in making their own berth comfortable. But a small town in the grip of such is a most pitiable object. Some of those who do not favor incorporation fear that we are going to get into that situation, but we do not see why it should be. It lies within the power of the voters to designate who shall be their officers, and they can, if they will, elect men to office who are of known integrity and in whom confidence can be placed. Mr. Voter, by all means vote for incorporation when the time comes, but be prepared for more. Be prepared to give Sierra Madre a set of officials that will do their duty honorably, and whom we shall be proud of.

It is in the power of the people of a community to have what they want, if they want it bad enough to work together and vote for it.

Some things that were said in last week's paper were not agreeable to some folks, and there is a large probability that some things in this week's issue will be found fault with. We are sorry if in the course of our work here if we happen to tread on any tender corns, but we do not do it with

the intention of hurting anyone's feelings. Somehow we do not find out how many tender spots some of the people in this community have until we happen to hurt one.

We are not anxious to stir up any feeling of animosity, or make any enemies, but it happens that the editor of this sheet has a habit, disagreeable to some people, of saying what he thinks and saying it in pretty plain language. Of course it is to be expected that the paper will partake of the character of the man that runs it. And while, as we said before, we are not out trying to make enemies, but rather friends, it is plain to us that the course that we intend to follow is going to make enemies in some quarters. Therefore it seems that now is as good a time as any for us to tell the people of Sierra Madre just where this paper is going to stand, and if some folks will take offense, well, we are sorry. Perhaps they are up to some misdoings and are afraid that we'll get the hammer after them.

There are a lot of things done in this world for the sake of policy. A lot of newspapers are guided in their expressions by policy. The editor goes around finding out whether what he is going to say on some important topic is agreeable to the leading men of the community, and especially looks to see that none of his advertisers are going to be offended. They might take a few dollars out of his pocket, you know, if he did not say the right thing. He goes out resolved to say something that needs saying for the good of the community, but comes back with all his enthusiasm for a righteous cause oozed away. That's policy! The editor has made the acquaintance of men here who seem to think that is the kind of stuff he is made of. But unfortunately he has not ever been in the habit of saying or doing things for policy's sake, and it is rather too late to begin the formation of a new habit. Questions are going to be considered on the basis of RIGHT and WRONG in this paper. If the editor sees things going on here that he believes to be wrong, he is going to say so and he's got a good pair of lungs. He has always believed in calling black, black and white, white, and the readers of this paper are assured that things are going to get called by their right names. If he is satisfied that it is RIGHT to say a certain thing, he is going to say it, no matter whom it hits. This newspaper must stand for clean government of our town and we intend to say whatever is necessary from our point of view, toward bringing wrong to public notice, that it may be made right. If anyone thinks that he has any strings on this paper, or the editor is going to change what he wishes to say for fearing of loss of patronage, he may as well disabuse his mind of that notion now. We intend to run this paper as we believe is RIGHT and though some say that's a pretty risky business for a newspaper, we intend to do it or bust.

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Paul Staples is building a residence for Miss L. Marvin on the lot which she bought recently in the Sierra Madre Heights tract.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson were the guests of Dr. W. H. Parker at Ocean Park over Thanksgiving.

Sierra Madre Villa is to have electric lights. Water power is being developed on the Abbott Kinney ranch and a generator will be installed that will be large enough to supply the settlement with light.

G. Farnall Aspinall, the well-known voice teacher, will be in Sierra Madre each week. Those desiring the best of instruction in the art of singing will please communicate with him at his residence, 280 Arcadia street, Pasadena.

The Hotel Sierra Madre is preparing to keep warm when the snow lays on the mountains by installing a big furnace.

A noticeable improvement has been made in the removal of the hedge that used to be in front of the Library.

Prof. and Mrs. E. E. Beals of Mt. Vision, N. Y., have been visiting with their former schoolmates, Prof. and Mrs. Pierce.

H. C. Churchill is spending a week at his home on the ranch in the canyon.

Mrs. Laura H. Stevenson, teacher of piano, will give individual instruction at her studio on Laura avenue, at hours to suit pupils.

Mrs. J. H. Allen of Long Beach has been the guest of Mrs. Mary A. Darling.

William F. Bixby, C. E., formerly a resident of Sierra Madre, who graduated last June from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y., has accepted the appointment to assistant engineer of Los Angeles city, having recently passed the civil service examination for the position.

The Ladies' Musical Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Staples on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

E. C. Sisson is representative of the Los Angeles Times and Examiner. Phone orders for Anniversary Number of Examiner, out December 16th, to Main 8614.

The mountains are beginning to change their color. Little patches of bright green here and there show that the rain and the sun have been doing their work. Last Monday for a while it seemed as if a rainbow lay on the foothills and all that one would have to do to reach it would be to walk a few minutes, and climb only a little bit.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Development Assn. held on the 3rd of December the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

That the Executive Committee of the Sierra Madre Development Association learns with satisfaction that Mr. Adams is about to do some much needed repairs to the Town Hall. That this Committee hereby ventures to express the hope, that while these repairs are in progress Mr. Adams will provide some means of ingress and egress from the stage at the back of the hall, and at the same time, arrange the doors of the hall at the west end of the room and on the street, so that they will all swing outwards FREELY and thus avoid any risk of crushing or confusion in case of alarm or accident. That Mr. Hosmer be requested to convey to Mr. Adams the views of this Committee representing, as they undoubtedly do, the general sentiment of the citizens of Sierra Madre in this matter.

We hear it said every once in a while that someone is afraid to patronize our library because of the number of sick people in the town who get books there. Evidently people are not acquainted with the fact that the books are thoroughly fumigated after being returned to the library before they are sent out again. No one need fear, therefore, that the books might carry disease into his home.

The library is an institution that we are proud of. As far as we know, no other town of the size in Southern California has anything of the kind. We refer our readers to the standing notice on the first page of the paper. You have the advantage here of being able to obtain good reading matter at all times and for a very small cost.

A disappointingly small crowd greeted the Gridley entertainers last Saturday night. The only reason for the lack of interest seems to be the fact that there has been so much else going on lately. The entertainment was all that it is represented to be and those who were there were delighted. It is to be hoped that Sierra Madre will have another opportunity of hearing them sometime.

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Another Bazaar

Miss Marjorie Melvin and Master Ian Bannatyne held a small bazaar at the home of the latter on Highland avenue last Saturday afternoon. The bazaar was formerly opened by "the most popular lady present," who performed her "stunt" with grace and agility.

Among the many works of art offered for sale were several crayon and water color sketches by Miss Melvin and Master Bannatyne, and great zest was added to the buying when it was announced that all purchasers spending ten cents or more at any one booth would receive a "free meal ticket." Needless to say, no one was sent away empty.

After a bountiful collation was served an impromptu entertainment was given which threatened to put even the "Darktown Minstrels" in the shade (of the old pepper tree).

All articles still unsold were auctioned off in the inimitable manner of "Uncle Henry." Miss Melvin cleared ninety-three cents and Master Bannatyne eighty-nine. It has not yet been decided whether the proceeds will be used to swell the new organ fund, or their own pockets.

Leather "Post Cards"

A ruling has been made by the Postoffice department relative to "leather postcards" so called, and as it is of general interest we herewith present it entire:

"Leather is fourth-class matter, if there be no writing thereon. If any writing then it is first-class. There can be no such thing as a "postcard" made of leather. It may be merely a piece of fourth-class matter with the word "postcard" written thereon. The act of the printer in printing the word "postcard" on a piece of leather or wood does not make it a postcard."

A Big Baby

Seattle, Nov. 26.—There lived in Alaska, a few thousand years ago, a baby that could grab a chunk of bark and bite a hole in it that a large meat platter would barely cover. His biting apparatus has just been unearthed and brought to this city, where it is being held to be used later as an exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

The baby was the infant child

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